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The man detained in connection with a fire at an abandoned car wash in San Bernardino admitted to setting it, **San Bernardino County fire** officials said.

Renee Hernandez Jr., 30, of San Bernardino was living in the vacant Happy Boy Car Wash in the 500 block of North Flores Street when the fire broke out, according to a county fire news release.

According to the dispatch, Hernandez admitted to arriving firefighters that he started the fire.

A county fire investigator questioned Hernandez to determine whether he had set the fire. He was arrested and taken to West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga, where he was booked on suspicion of arson, trespassing and a San Bernardino city Municipal Code violation. He is being held in lieu of \$150,000 bail.

“San Bernardino County Fire has a no-tolerance stance against arson,” Fire Marshal Mike Horton said in a written statement. “Arson fires are an attack on innocent victims and puts firefighters at unwarranted risk.”

Investigators did not say why they believe Hernandez set the fire.

Damages are estimated at \$5,000.

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San Bernardino Man Arrested for Setting Fire to Vacant Car Wash

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SAN BERNARDINO – A San Bernardino man was arrested for lighting a vacant car wash on fire causing thousands of dollars in damage to the property. On Monday afternoon, at around 3:05 p.m. firefighters from the **San Bernardino County Fire Department** responded to the Happy Boy Car Wash located in the 500 block of North Flores Street in the City of San Bernardino. The firefighters began an aggressive attack, quickly extinguishing the blaze.

When the firefighters arrived, Renee Hernandez, 30, told them he had lit the fire. Further questioning determined that Hernandez had intentionally lit the fire and he was subsequently arrested. He was booked into the West Valley Detention Center for arson, trespassing, as well as a San Bernardino Municipal Code Violation. He is being held in lieu of \$150,000 bail.

It was also determined that Hernandez had been living inside the business and for reasons still under investigation he lit the drive-thru bay on fire. No one was injured as a result of the fire.

“San Bernardino County Fire has a no tolerance stance against arson. Arson fires are an attack of innocent victims and puts firefighters at unwarranted risk. Fire Investigators are taking an aggressive approach towards arsonists and if found to be involved in arson, they shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent,” said Fire Marshal Mike Horton.

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